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PARKS AND RECREATION BOARD
March 25, 1997

A regular meeting of the Parks and Recreation Board was held on Tuesday, March 25, 1997, in the Board Room at 200 South Lamar Blvd. Board members present were Mary K. Isaacs, Dewayne Naumann, Erma Linda Cruz-Torres, Rocky Medrano, Rosemary Castleberry, Chair, Louise Nivison, Member Emeritus.

Staff members present were Jesus M. Olivares, Director, Kim Jamail Mitchell, Stuart Strong, Mary Ybarbo.

A. MEETING CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 6:40 p.m. by Rosemary Castleberry.

B. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes were tabled until next meeting. Note Mary K. Isaacs did attend the March 11, 1997 meeting.

C. CITIZEN COMMUNICATION

Mike Workman, Board Member with Allied Arts & Audiences, invited PARD Board Members to attend the candidate forum at the Zachary Scott Theatre.

Steven Kreger, President of Metro Austin Softball Association, asked that the Butler Fields be returned to men's softball players.

Eileen Walsh, Vice President of Metro Austin Softball Association, asked that the adult womens schedule not be changed.

Robert Corbin asked that the Board consider moving the Zilker Train to East of the maintenance building.

D. SPECIAL PRESENTATION

There was none.

E. ITEMS FOR ACTION

Recommend Approval of Construction of Boat Dock at 1716 Channel Road. File # SP-97-0054DS

Dewayne Naumann informed the Board the Navigation Committee met and reviewed staff recommendation and proposed recommendation to demolish the existing wooden boat dock and construct a new single slip boat dock with the following exceptions: the new boat dock must be located a minimum of 10' away from the adjacent side property line in accordance with Section 13-2-795(20) and the navigation light station be provided on the upstream corner of the structure in accordance with Section 13-2-793 of the Land Development Code. Dewayne Naumann moved to recommend the above. Rocky Medrano seconded. The vote in favor was 5-0 (Cruz-Torres, Naumann, Medrano, Castleberry, Isaacs).

Make a Recommendation Regarding Sayers Wall (Scenic Cove WW Lift Station)

Mary Arnold approached the Board and informed them the West Austin Neighborhood Group is willing to work with Mr. Sayers to come to a common agreement but they don't recommend fencing along Lake Austin on city lift station property.

Mary K. Isaacs presented the Board with a copy of the following resolution which was prepared by the Land and Facilities Committee:

Proposed Fence Around Scenice Cove Lift Station

WHEREAS the City of Austin owns a small tract of parkland on the banks of Lake Austin on Scenic Drive; and
WHEREAS this tract provides one of the few public spaces on Lake Austin north of the Walsh Boat Landing; and
WHEREAS this tract provides an excellent view of Lake Austin; and
WHEREAS the Parks and Recreation Board previously recommended, at the time the current subdivision was platted, that the tract remain open for public access, and that the view remain unimpeded; and
WHEREAS the Water and Wastewater Department maintains a lift station on the parkland, and occupies an easement which crosses the adjacent property at 2542 Scenic Drive; and
WHEREAS the owner of the adjacent residence at 2542 Scenic Drive now proposes to build a fence around said tract;
NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the premises, the Parks and Recreation Board recommends to the City Council as follows (1) the aforesaid tract of land should remain unfenced and open to the public; and (2) any fencing constructed on the property line between 2542 Scenic Drive and the public open space should be of transparent material (e.g., chain link fencing).
ADOPTED this 25th day of March, 1997, by a vote of _____.

Ms. Isaacs indicated the land is not parkland and wording should change to public property and also that one item to have PARD commit to maintenance on the property was left off. There was discussion about the legal determination of the easement. Ms. Isaacs moved to recommend this item be taken back to the Land and Facilities Committee for a legal opinion. Dewayne Naumann seconded. The vote in favor was 5-0 (Cruz-Torres, Naumann, Medrano, Castleberry, Isaacs).

Recommend Approval of a Use Agreement - Walsh Boat Landing Parking Lot

Mary K. Isaacs informed the Board the existing sewer line is deterioratd, cracked and broken in numerous places. The work which Water and Wastewater needs to do will require blocking off a portion of the parking lot, the portion which is used by the employees of nearby businesses. PARD has requested that the work be done immediately or in the fall. With the approval of the the Land and Facilities Committee Ms. Isaacs moved to recommend this Use Agreement. Dewayne Naumann seconded. The vote in favor was 5-0 (Cruz-Torres, Naumann, Medrano, Castleberry, Isaacs).

Recommend Approval of a License Agreement for Wastewater Line on Walnut Creek Greenbelt

Mary K. Isaacs informed the Board the Land and Facilities Committee recommended this license agreement and she moved to recommend the agreement. Dewayne Naumann seconded. The vote in favor was 5-0 (Cruz-Torres, Naumann, Medrano, Castleberry, Isaacs).

F. COMMITTEE REPORTS

Mary K. Isaacs asked about the situation with Butler Fields. The Director informed the Board that girls softball leagues will coordinate use of both Butler Fields 1 and 2 and Williams Field for their games. In the past only one field has been available to them and with the rapid increase in girls fast pitch softball there was a need to provide an additional field. In the past the majority of our youth athletic program has been done with boys and the Department is finding that more and more girls are entering in the youth program. While using Butler 1 & 2 the girls will do their own maintenance and monitoring of the fields. The enterprise fund will not be effected by this decision. Any other activities on the field will be phased out and relocated to the Krieg Complex.

G. DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Jesus M. Olivares informed the Board that the Department, along with Health, Housing, Fire and Police would be making a presentation to City Council on March 26, 1997 on Building a Sustainable Community (Youth, Family and Neighborhood Vitality).

H. ITEMS FROM BOARD MEMBERS (not for action)

Erma Linda Cruz-Torres requested a Zilker Train presentation at the next Board meeting.

Rocky Medrano tentatively sought Board support to bring the National Junior Boxing Olympics to Austin sometime in the future.

I. ADJOURN

The meeting adjourned at 7:45 p.m.